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In re Application of:

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DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING
SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
EMPHASIZING A MAIN SUBJECT
OF AN
IMAGE

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Response to Requirement for Restriction and Election

The restriction requirement required restriction to one of:

I. Claims 91, 93-99, 101-106, 121-125, 153-163 drawn to a method and a system for modifying an image having pixels without manual intervention classified class 382, subclass 165.

II. Claims 164-172 drawn to user interface for image modification using manual intervention or user interface, classified in class 715, subclass 700.

In response to the Restriction Requirement Applicant traverses the Restriction Requirement and hereby elects to pursue the invention of Species I. Applicants traverse the characterization of Claims 164-172 as not being drawn to a method for modifying an image having pixels without manual intervention, classified class 382, subclass 165. Claim 164 requires:

"wherein said steps are without manual intervention."

Claims 165-172 depend from Claim 164. Thus, all of the pending claims are drawn to a method and a system for modifying an image having pixels without

manual intervention, classified class 382, subclass 165. Applicants therefore request that the restriction requirement be withdrawn.

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